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We love Green Bay for the Packers but we also discovered playing golf there is excellent. This was found out when Green Bay Country Club played host to Wisconsin the Turfgrass Association 'Golf Fundraiser for the Fellowship' on October 6, 2008. The golf course was so beautiful and the hospitality was second to none. The Dick Nugent designed golf course, skillfully maintained by our host Marc Davison and his staff made for such a fun round of golf. This was Marc's second time hosting the WTA Golf Fundraiser, the first being when he was superintendent at Blackwolf Run in 1991. We're so grateful for Marc's dedication.

The day started out with a fun round of play-golf on Green Bay Country Club's natural grass putting course. The course proved to be quite challenging as not a single hole-in-one was carded by any participant. That unique experience, playing on Wisconsin's only natural grass putting course, was just the beginning of an exquisite day. After that we hit some range balls and putted on the practice green before heading out to experience the real beauty of Green Bay CC. The course's landscape with natural areas, hills, trees, water, and endless challenging shots was a super experience for everyone. A few rain drops fell during registration but stopped before golf. The morning was windy and cool, but by afternoon the temperature was in the mid 60s and skies were mostly sunny.

Eighty-six golfers participated in the fundraiser this year. All were treated to the great rounds of golf and additionally everyone went



Hole #10 exemplified the great design of the rest of Green Bay CC



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home with a nice door prize. Many of the prizes were worth more than the entry fee. Thanks go to everyone who donated the door prizes. The list of prize donors is listed on page 31. A list of tee sign sponsors, who further contributed to the event success, is mentioned on page 29. Every participant should feel proud knowing they are supporting the future of their profession. The main purpose of the 'Golf Fundraiser for the Fellowship' is to raise funds to support turf research in Wisconsin. The Green Bay outing raised \$7,400 towards that goal. Several of the studies funded by the

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Steve Spears from St. Germain Golf Course smacks one on hole # 3



Bruce Schweiger waiting on the slow group in front of him

## WTA Golf Fundraiser Tee Sign Sponsors

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Derek Kastenschmidt, Paul Schlag, Scott Thompson, and Dan Williams stop to get some golf advice from scarecrow.



Bob Nolan tees one off for Pendelton Turf Supply



The winning team - Chris Deckard, Tony Hudzinski, Paul Koch, and Ben LeBarre.

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turfgrass fellowships include a comparison between turfgrass and rain gardens to manage urban runoff, an assessment of different inorganic amendments to improve putting green construction mixtures, and an investigation to improve soil testing and soil test calibration for growing turf in Wisconsin. Two more studies began in 2008 with funding from the fellowships. One study investigates the optimum time for applying late fall fertilization from both an in-the-field and a growth chamber design. The other study is looking at conserving water through rooftop collection of rainwater and subsurface irrigation. Important turf research is being conducted in part by the funds raised from this golf outing. We are so lucky to play such a wonderful golf course while raising these funds. It was as much fun to play Green Bay Country Club as it is to watch our Green Bay Packers when they win!

## **Door Prize donors for WTA Golf Fundraiser 2008**

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	Windshirt
Evergreen Country Club	
	QuickShot Rangefinder
	Golf shirt, jacket, and hat
	2 - cases of beer with \$50 Home Depot gift certificates
	Pair of Oakley sunglasses, shirt, and fleece jacket
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